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TAGS: PINT, PFOR, ELAB, PO

SUBJECT: VISIT OF PORTUGUESE LABOR MINISTER IN LONDON

REF: LISBON 1670

1. PORTUGUESE MINISTER OF LABOR COSTA MARTINS SPENT ONE DAY IN LONDON LAST WEEK AFTER VISITING SWEDEN. HIS VISIT, ACCORDING TO FCO OFFICIAL, WAS ARRANGED ON INITIATIVE UK AMBASSADOR IN LISBON. VISIT INCLUDED MEETING WITH EMPLOYMENT SECRETARY MICHAEL FOOT AND INFORMAL LUNCHEON SESSION WITH FOREIGN OFFICE OFFICIALS.

2. ACCORDING TO FCO, VISIT PRODUCED NO SURPRISES. THERE MAY HAVE BEEN SOME BENEFIT THROUGH GESTURE OF HOSPITALITY TO PORTUGUESE MINISTER, THOUGH THIS IS DIFFICULT TO JUDGE, AND PERHAPS IN BROADENING COSTA MARTINS' VIEWS AND OPINIONS.

3. FCO FOUND COSTA MARTINS VERY RESERVED AND GUARDED  
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IN HIS COMMENTS, INEXPERIENCED, AND POLITICALLY NAIVE.

HE DOES NOT USE ENGLISH, AND PORTUGUESE EMBASSY PROVIDED  
TRANSLATOR FOR TALKS WITH FOOT AND FCO LUNCH, WHICH  
HEADED BY HATTERSLEY. ONLY SUBSTANTIVE BIT OF INFORMA-  
TION OBTAINED FROM HIM WAS HIS FIRM STATEMENT SOARES  
WOULD LOSE FOREIGN OFFICE PORTFOLIO AND REMAIN IN GOVERN-  
MENT AS MINISTER WITHOUT PORTFOLIO. MINISTER ALSO  
REAFFIRMED THAT ELECTIONS WOULD BE HELD.

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